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For:	SYSTEM CONSISTING OF BANK NOTE PROCESSING MACHINES, BANK NOTE PROCESSING MACHINE AND ASSOCIATED OPERATING METHOD		

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Pursuant to Rule 37 CFR. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in the above-identified patent application. A listing of documents to be published on the face of any patent granted from this application is submitted on forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B. Any other documents or information submitted for consideration by the examiner are listed in this paper. A copy of each foreign patent or non-patent literature listed on forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B is submitted herewith.

Background

The document, U.S. patent no. 5,984,178, listed on form PTO/SB/08A was cited to the applicants by the European Patent Office on February 16, 2009 in relation to an opposition proceeding associated with the corresponding granted European counterpart application.

Statement of Timeliness

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted after the earlier of the mailing date of a final rejection or Notice of Allowance sent in this application but before payment of the Issue Fee. The certification required under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) is submitted separately or below. A petition to the Commissioner and the appropriate fee pursuant to §1.17(i)(1) are submitted herewith.

Certification

It is hereby certified that each item of information contained in this statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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The Examiner is requested to acknowledge consideration of the information provided in this paper in accordance with prescribed procedures.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the Applicants' Attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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